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## German Colony [At Hussar]

Syndicate Capitalized at \$100,000 Will Take  
Up Most Fertile Highway

Capitalized at \$250,000 a German syndicate has taken over 18 sections of land one mile west of Hussar, the first station along the branch line, 12 miles from Bassano and will commence development work this year.

Count Bernstorff, a cousin of the German ambassador in Washington, one of the syndicate heavily interested, was in Bassano this week, accompanied by E. Virta, Kaut Tharen and F. Donner, of Berlin, Germany, for the purpose of finally closing the deal whereby they acquired the land. They inspected the property and came to the conclusion it was a good proposition, and there and then called the remainder of the syndicate closing the deal. The average price paid for the land was \$25.25 per acre, so that the total cost was \$293,760.

Immediately the purchase was decided upon, steps were taken to develop the property. Four steam ploughs were ordered so that an early start can be made in seeding while McNeil and McCaffery, Bassano contractors, were authorized to go ahead with the preparation of plans for a large house to accommodate 10 people, and several cottages.

These were at once commenced upon. It is declared to be the intention of the promoters to go into mixed farming on an extensive scale.

## Fine Crew of Scandinavians Come To Town

A regular regiment of Scandinavians took possession of the town last week. They were the vanguard of the crowd that Mr. J. McKinnon is importing for work in the irrigation block in connection with his large contract. The men were all splendid specimens, intelligent, and educated. They were especially selected as they are all possessed of little money, which they will put into Canadian land in this vicinity if they care for the country. As we have met no one yet who didn't like it after a brief spell it is safe to assert they will be contented with the Bassano district.

## Building Activities in Bassano

Quite a few projects under way—  
Will Commence with Cessation  
of Wet Weather.

Building activities locally will become more pronounced with the cessation of the present rainy season.

A few of the developments expected are the addition to the C. P. R. depot, the erection of the Ogilvie Elevator, headquarters to a new German settlement, consisting of twenty rooms, and residences for Mr. Plummer, Fourth avenue; Mr. A. E. Trainer, Fourth avenue, and addition to the residence of W. S. Playfair, Third avenue.

## Bassano's Projected Railroads Will Make it Important Center

Present Imposing Sight, and Show that Bassano will be  
Sixth Important Railway Centre in Two Western  
Prairie Provinces.

SAYS RAILROAD PROPHET IN MORNING ALBERTAN

Bassano as the sixth railway centre, point of importance in the whole of Alberta and Saskatchewan within the next five years, is the position indicated by a map prepared by Theodore Seyler, of Calgary, who has taken intense trouble to depict Western Canada, as it will be when criss-crossed with the railroads already built and projected.

The above map shows at a glance the great strategic position of Bassano and how it will appear when the roads at present planned are built. It was published for the first time in the Calgary Morning Albertan, which in an introduction to an article on the subject says:

"Telling in a more graphic manner than words could ever well show, in black and white the wonderful railroad development of Western Canada within the next few years, and giving some idea of the vast amount of development work which is being undertaken by railroad companies in the West, Theodore Seyler of this city has completed a railroad map of Western Canada, which is the last word in authenticity. Not one line has been used in this map, which is not going to be built." Mr. Seyler has secured his information from every possible authoritative source, and the result is a map that shows not only every line already constructed but which includes all lines for which contracts have been let; all lines under government guarantee, and all lines under private enterprise.

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## More Light Needed on Hos- pital Question

Fearful by Some that it Should be  
Shunned for Financial Reasons;  
by Others that Project Isn't  
Ambitious Enough

A brief discussion of the hospital proposition at the Council Monday night, revealed some decided opposition to the project. Coun. Flanagan considered the town could not undertake the financial responsibility of it at the present time while Mayor Pierce considered the town should carefully in such a matter.

The matter came up when letters were read, one from Architect Gough of Calgary, signifying his willingness to assist in the selection of plans that were submitted for the erection of a hospital and one from P. L. Nalanth, manager of the Natural Resources department of the C. P. R. expressing the perfect willingness of the C. P. R. to reserve Block 18 in their new subdivision at present under process of survey until such time as the town made up its mind whether it would proceed with the erection of a hospital or not.

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## Boost July 1st Celebration

Council Will Assist if Citizens Show Any  
Anxiety To Organize One

A First of July celebration will be arranged in Bassano, and by that time it is hoped to have the almost extinct Agricultural Society reconstituted, grounds and a race track secured on the Indian reserve, and sports and races worthy of the occasion organized.

There have been sporadic efforts to have sports for May Twenty-fourth, but it did not come to a head until Mr. J. T. Gray brought up the matter to the attention of the Council Monday night. Mayor Pierce was one of the instigators of the movement but a skin around town showed him that grounds were required and it was difficult to know where to procure them. Coun. Flanagan however came to the rescue with a suggestion that permission be given for fifty or sixty acres of the Indian reserve immediately joining the town to the West might be obtained. As far as the Indians were concerned there should not be any objection as the Indian was in his element near a race track.

Mr. Gray urged that the Council give the citizens some encouragement by agreeing to double what was collected among the townspeople for the purpose. He was positive an appeal would have splendid results.

The Council generally expressed itself in sympathy with the movement, and Coun. Hennes, the only officer of the old Agricultural Society in town, replied to a question that the society might easily be reconstituted. It was ultimately agreed that the town should give \$1000, \$200,000 bales of grain had been shipped from Bassano.

He appeared very much impressed with the town, and from observations he felt an early start with the elevator may be expected.

## New Elevator to be Put Up at Once

Ogilvie Mills of Medicine Hat have Bought Site and Ordered  
Material for Construction.

After investigating the grain situation in Bassano, the Ogilvie Mills Company have definitely decided to erect an elevator at Bassano in the near future, probably within the next two or three weeks.

They have procured the site from the C. P. R. which is on the east end of the town, considerably nearer the town than the present Robin Hood Mills elevator, their representative was in Bassano Tuesday evening, from Medicine Hat, and it is understood after investigating thoroughly, went so far as to enter into a contract for handling lumber and gravel for the proposed building.

The representative interviewed the C. P. R. relative to the grain, usually shipped from Bassano, and was surprised to find that this year alone, \$200,000 bales of grain had been shipped from Bassano.

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## A Hospital Homily

THIS hospital problem is opening the avenue to attenuated argument profound propositions, oceans of orations, and an infinity of suggestion; and all the while it must be confessed no one knows very, very much about it.

We all want it—everybody has said so, even those who are scared that the ultimate expense of improvements will overburden the taxpayers. But how many know the exact and actual cost of the erection of a suitable building, if ten thousand or twenty thousand or thirty thousand will build the wing suggested, and equip it so that it can compete with the Calgary and Medicine Hat institutions? It is a proposition that will bear a great deal of light throwing upon it before it is rushed into hasty action. We want to know before ever the bylaw is submitted to the people exactly what it is intended to accomplish, with a wealth of detail that will leave no ground for mistaken impression. There are seven on the Council and almost as many guesses. Coun. Flanagan is convinced that the town should be suspicious of the project and taboo it altogether for some time to come. On the other hand, Coun. Pegler would like to make provision for a sixty thousand dollar institution. A little careful investigation might show which of these two is in the wrong, or if both are. Surely Bassano can afford to finance this much needed institution. But there we are guessing again. Definite information alone can lead us anywhere and that can be procured by the appointment of a committee to discover from places that have had experience in such institutions, their cost and upkeep, etc.

## The Melting Pot

TRULY we are witnessing the working of the "Melting Pot" in our very midst—the fusing of the various tribes of the earth to form a new nation to which Zangwill with equal force and effectiveness might have applied his drama—the Canadian Nation.

Scandinavians to the east, Russians to the north, and Germans to the west, and in between a leavening linking of Scotch, and Irish and English and Americans. This season has seen the pouring in, through the smaller portal of Bassano, a fine virile body of Scandinavians, active and intelligent, who will settle in this vicinity. The Russian colony is rapidly growing, while along this week there comes news of the arrival shortly of 250 German settlers, with their wives and families. All we have seen are the transplantings of Europe best, not the weeding out of the "youngster and useless," but splendid specimens of whom any country would be proud. We welcome them into our midst wholeheartedly, for in the years to come they will become not only among us, but of us, the fore-runners of that wonderful fusion of peoples, the Canadian Nation.

## Dominion Day Celebration

THE First of July celebration should commend itself to everyone. If as has been suggested, the Government will release a small portion of the Indian reserve with the permission of the Indians for agricultural grounds, then the main difficulty of finding a suitable site will have been solved.

The first celebration will not be a heavy burden of expense for anyone to shoulder, and while of a modest character will be rendered as interesting as possible. Bassano has already quite a number of paces who could be relied upon to provide some good racing, while outsiders might be induced to enter, and sports be provided to attract the children. This side of it should not be overlooked when arrangements are made for the celebration.

## Comment.

Two hundred and fifty Germans with their families coming to Bassano to settle. We have a Russian colony, and soon shall have a Scandinavian clique. To make this a truly cosmopolitan journal we are contemplating the early production of a Babelonic edition and have almost decided to re-name our home, the Tower of Babel.

Everyone should combine to make the First of July celebration worthy of Bassano, and its future.

Mr. Gray has confidence that the townspeople will support a movement for a celebration on July 1st. Here's hoping they won't disappoint him.

## Whole German Colony Coming To Bassano

Expected That 250 Families Will Locate Near Huxley This Coming Summer

Early this coming summer, 250 well-to-do German farmers, who have acquired 18,000 acres of C. P. R. land in the Dawson Lake District, north of Bassano, will arrive in Alberta and immediately go to extensively for mixed farming. Each one of these farmers will have about a half a section of land, but the entire colony will farm on the community plan, buying implements and herds of stock in common after they reach Canada.

The land is all raw prairie and was sold by the C. P. R. for a sum ranging in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Already firmers for the little German colony have bought four complete ranches adjoining each other and as much land as possible will be broken up this season.

All these settlers are prosperous Germans, and furthermore they have had "experience" in farming in the U.S.A. and many of them having sold, fertile farms in Germany with the idea of putting capital in farming and other Canadian enterprises.

Stock raising will be one of the chief branches of agriculture in which the new settlers will engage and they will make a specialty in breeding thoroughbred animals.

The agents of the C. P. R. in Europe are meeting with great success in their efforts to induce competent European farmers to migrate to this country. The community plan is one which appeals to the farmers of the better class very strongly and the C. P. R. in future will devote a great deal of attention to inducing colonies to settle in this country. The average German with means is averse to immigrating to a new country by himself, where he will be separated from country and kindred alike, but when a proposition is launched whereby a number of farmers are assured that land can be obtained by all in same district and worked on the community basis then the proposition assumes a different aspect.

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